any links between the naxalites and the LTTE of Sri Lanka. However, available reports suggest the continued fraternal and logistic (non-strategic) links between CPN (Maoists) and Indian Naxal groups.

(b) While the LTTE continues to be banned as a terrorist organization and also as an unlawful association under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Amendment Act, 2004, vigil along the Indo-Napal border has been stepped up and border management in this sector strengthened to prevent any likely spillover of undesirable activities of CPN (Maoists) into the States including UP, Bihar, West Bengal bordering Nepal.

Phone tapping of leaders of political parties

†937. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that top leaders of several political parties have alleged that their telephones are being tapped;

(b) if so, whether proper prior permission from the competent officials of Central Government was obtained as per the phone tapping law;

(c) if so, the factual details thereof; and

(d) if not, the action taken/proposed to be taken against the officials who have been found involved in the incidents of phone tapping without proper permission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) Only one instance of unauthorized telephone tapping of Shri Amar Singh, Hon'ble MP, Rajya Sabha, has come to the notice of the Government. Government is taking appropriate legal action in this regard.

Foreign companies involved in spying

†938. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many offices of foreign companies which are

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

situated in and on the out skirts of Delhi involved in the spying business in India;

(b) if so, the countries to which these companies belong;

(c) whether it is also a fact that ex-officers of India's prime intelligence agencies are working in these companies; and

(d) if so, the facts thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) No such reports have come to notice of the Government.

(d) Does not arise.

Infiltration from Bangladesh

939. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that infiltration from Bangladesh is more compared to western LOC; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to start counter infiltration work by the army?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) As the infiltration along the borders takes place clandestinely, it is not possible to determine the precise magnitude of infiltration either from Bangladesh or from the Western LoC.

(b) The Government have been taken several steps to check/minimize the infiltration on Indo-Bangladesh border; viz. (i) round the clock surveillance of the border by patrolling, both day and night; (ii) up-gradation of intelligence net-work; (iii) use of night vision devices; (iv) establishment of floating BOPs; (v) modernization of BSF and other police force; (vi) operations and nakas/ambushes and conduct of special operation; and (vi) erection of fencing all along the Indo-Bangladesh border. The Army also, in conjunction with other intelligence and security agencies, continuously review its strategy to ensure that infiltration is minimized.